



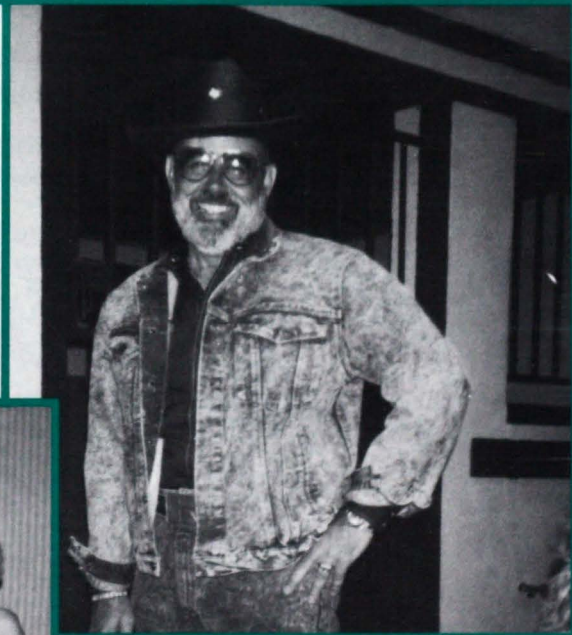
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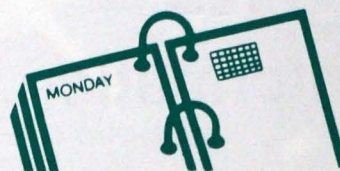
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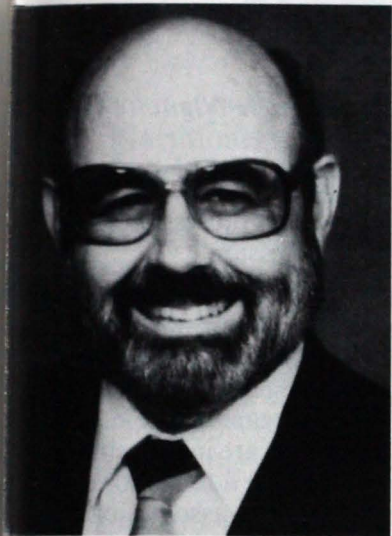
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ON THE COVER:

(Pictured at top) Robert L. Peters, Jr., D.O., F.A.C.G.P., TOMA President, and his lovely wife, Ruby, during the Presidential Reception, May 4, 1990, in El Paso; (center) Dr. Peters at the President's Party hosted by Dr. Montgomery-Davis as outgoing TOMA president; (bottom) Also, during the Presidential Reception, the family poses for pictures; (L-R) Rebecca Sargeant, Mark Smith, Beth Smith, Ruby, Dr. Peters, Janice Cook, Bruce Smith and Teresa Wilson.

Dr. Robert Peters is New TOMA President



Robert L. Peters, Jr., D.O., FACGP, of Round Rock, has been elected president of the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association for 1990-91. Installation ceremonies were held during the Association's 91st Annual Convention and Scientific Seminar in El Paso, April 3-5.

A graduate of Texas A&M in College Station, Dr. Peters re-

ceived his D.O. degree in 1958 from Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine, and served his internship at Houston Community Hospital. He practiced four years in Pasadena, Texas, and nine years in Calvert before he and his wife, Ruby, relocated to Round Rock in 1972, where he currently maintains a general practice. He still practices one day a week in Calvert.

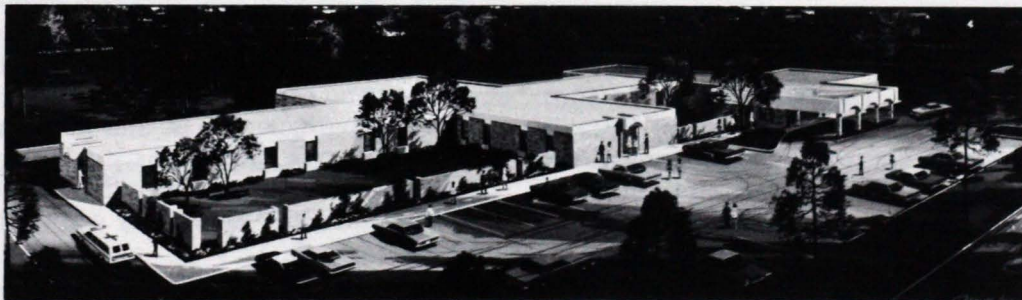
Active on all levels, Dr. Peters serves on, and chairs, numerous committees within TOMA; has served 13 years on the TOMA House of Delegates; is a member of the TOMA Board of Trustees; and an active member of District VII, of which he is a past president. Additionally, he is a member of the AOA; member of the Board of Trustees of the TMF; member and past president of the Texas ACGP; and member of the Texas Chapter of the American Cancer Society.

Dr. Peters is a fellow of both the national ACGP and the American College of Utilization Review Physicians, and is an aviation medical examiner. In 1986, he was named "Outstanding Citizen of the Year" in Round Rock, and in 1988, was named the "General Practitioner of the Year" by the Texas ACGP.

A second generation, D.O., Dr. Peters' father, Robert L. Peters, Sr., D.O., practiced in Austin before his death in 1984.

In his inaugural remarks Friday night, May 4, Dr. Peters emphasized the importance of continuous progress and growth so that the osteopathic profession can be assured of survival. ■

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Dr. Peters Urges D.O.s to Come “Back to the Future”

Editor's note: The following is the speech delivered by Dr. Peters on President's Night upon assuming the TOMA presidency for 1990-91.

The history of our profession is a success story: an obscure alternative to so-called traditional medicine is articulated in the 1870s, survives enormous obstacles, and becomes one of the fastest growing health care professions. A vision by our predecessors, who believed in the growing importance of the osteopathic philosophy, changed the face of medicine in ways they probably never even imagined.

TOMA has made remarkable progress in 90 years when it comes to survival. We've fought for the not-so-simple right to practice; for the right to practice on an unlimited basis; for acceptance as commissioned officers in the uniformed services; for OMT reimbursement; for staff and hospital privileges; for language in the Medical Practice Act prohibiting discrimination based on earned degree; for guaranteed representation on the TSBME as well as other state committees, departments and boards; for recognition by third party payers; we've fought outside attempts at amalgamation; for the lives of osteopathic hospitals; for training slots for our interns and residents; and the list goes on.

It's important to us, as a profession, to remember the crises and subsequent progress we've made; but I feel it's even more important to sit up and take notice of the crises surrounding us right now. If we don't keep on making progress, our profession will lose what it has gained and the result will be stagnation. By taking no action, we are taking a stand.

Dr. A. T. Still said, "We carry the flag of progress. . . we must avoid the dust of habit." To me, this means beware of the trap of complacency.

Although some issues have changed in varying degrees, we face as many challenges now as did our founders. We must take steps to maintain our identity and our profession.

When TOMA was founded 90 years ago, Texas D.O.s were glad enough to join a unified association to represent their interests. The biggest problem was just getting more D.O.s practicing in Texas. Today, we have close to 2,000 members — yet we also have nearly 450 non-members in the state. Yesterday, our goal was survival of the profession — a goal born of necessity. Upon achieving a suitable climate in which to practice, growth and subsequent loyalty followed naturally. Today, however, it's time to come back to the future — that first goal set by our founders needs to be reinstated because our very survival is dependent upon growth.

Back in the 1940s, we had about 44 osteopathic hospitals which were started by D.O.s due to their inability to practice in allopathic hospitals. Today, the majority of hospitals are mixed-staff. It's an ironic twist that we are now being courted to utilize allopathic facilities, where in the past we were shunned. This can be construed as a sign of progress

only as long as we remember that our profession is our identity, and our identity is our profession.

Our changing health care environment offers a golden opportunity for D.O.s. Government interference has shifted most health care needs from hospital-based and disease oriented to community-based and prevention-oriented. This falls right into the lap of primary care — the osteopathic emphasis. Our osteopathic colleges are in a position to exert the biggest influence in providing a focus for students and TOMA, as the state osteopathic association, will be playing a larger role in student interaction at Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine. It is from the osteopathic colleges that we will maintain our profession, and enrollment is not decreasing as might be expected. As a matter of fact, freshmen enrollment in osteopathic medical school increased five percent in 1988 while decreasing for several other health professions, even though debt incurred by our graduates continues to escalate.

In perspective, we are faced with the same challenge as the first Texas D.O.s — maintaining our profession. Our identity is enhanced each time we take a progressive step, so it's important that we keep pushing forward and not merely be content with past successes. George Northrup, D.O., Editor emeritus of the AOA's *The Do* magazine, once observed that "Our greatest danger is that our success will give birth to complacency — and only complacency can do us in."

We must be assured of osteopathic representation on state and national boards, committees and departments; keep our eyes and ears open during legislative sessions; support our osteopathic colleges; and most importantly, we have to serve as role models for students, many of whom are becoming disenchanted with the entire concept of medicine in general. Although loyalty cannot be forced, it can be instilled.

In light of an environment conditioned by changing societal perceptions, real needs and legislative actions beyond our control, it may seem redundant to focus on maintaining our identity in the middle of such chaos. However, even if we end up in some type of socialized system yet to be drafted by a lawmaker, losing our identity will mean that we, and those before us, will have fought for nothing, and the "flag of progress" will have fallen. As I stated previously, our profession is our identity, and our identity is our profession.

It's time to get back to the future and face the challenges ahead. It's time to "avoid the dust of habit" and walk forward into the limitless potential our profession offers. Let's remember who we are, where we came from and be proud. The osteopathic profession has been good to us — we owe it our all.

TOMA Members Elected During National ACGP Convention

The annual convention of the American College of General Practitioners in Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery was held March 14-18 in Orlando, Florida, drawing a record 1200 registered physicians in attendance along with spouses, children and numerous exhibitors and guests.

Serving as Program Chairman was TOMA member Robert G. Maul, D.O., FACGP, of Lubbock. During the event, Dr. Maul was elected to a one-year term on the Board of Governors of the National ACGP. The Board of Governors is the governing body of the college.

Additionally, Dr. T. Eugene Zachary, D.O., FACGP, Fort Worth, was re-elected to an eighth term as speaker of the ACGP's House of Delegates. Currently serving

as speaker of the TOMA House of Delegates and the AOA House of Delegates, Dr. Zachary is the first physician to serve as speaker of the three groups at the same time.

Installed as new ACGP president was Harold Thomas, D.O., FACGP, of Euclid, Ohio, succeeding Royce K. Keilers, D.O., FACGP, of La Grange.

Founded in 1950, the National ACGP is based in Arlington Heights, Illinois, and has a membership count exceeding 10,000. Members are located in every state, which includes active practicing physicians, students, interns, residents, and physicians in the armed forces and other allied government fields.

Congratulations to Drs. Maul and Zachary. ■

President's Party A Big Success

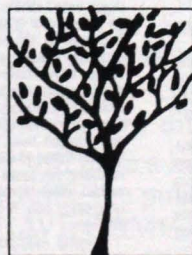
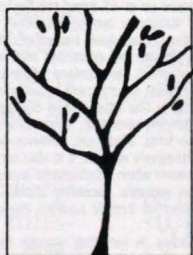
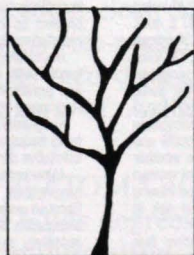
The annual president's party, hosted by out-going TOMA President Joseph Montgomery-Davis, D.O., took place on Wednesday, May 2, at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Hector Lopez of El Paso.

Music was provided by the Charles Russell Band and guests were treated to barbequed brisket, chicken and fajitas. Despite the uncooperative weather (it rained most of the day), which made it breezy and cold for the evening gathering, the party was a great success. Everyone had a wonderful time and appreciated the Texas-style hospitality of Dr. and Mrs. Lopez.

Each attendee was presented with a handmade Indian mandella, compliments of Dr. Lopez and Doyle Hartman of Chico Arts in El Paso. Symbolizing good luck, the Indians believed having a mandella shield in their home would bring them protection from the gods, prosperity, good health and happiness. The mandellas are crafted of natural sheep's wool, rabbit fur, leather, and fleece and feathers of various birds.

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Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility—A two-year oral carcinogenicity study in rats with doses as high as 500 mg/kg/day (about 80 times the recommended daily therapeutic dose) showed no evidence of a carcinogenic effect. There was a dose-related increase in the density of enterochromaffin-like (ECL) cells in the gastric oxyntic mucosa. In a two-year study in mice, there was no evidence of a carcinogenic effect in male mice, although hyperplastic nodules of the liver were increased in the high-dose males as compared with placebo. Female mice given the high dose of Axid (2,000 mg/kg/day, about 330 times the human dose) showed marginally statistically significant increases in hepatic carcinoma and hepatic nodular hyperplasia with no numerical increase seen in any of the other dose groups. The rate of hepatic carcinoma in the high-dose animals was within the historical control limits seen for the strain of mice used. The female mice were given a dose larger than the maximum tolerated dose, as indicated by excessive (30%) weight decrement as compared with concurrent controls and evidence of mild liver injury (transaminase elevations). The occurrence of a marginal finding at high dose only in animals given

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an excessive and somewhat hepatotoxic dose, with no evidence of a carcinogenic effect in rats, male mice, and female mice (given up to 360 mg/kg/day, about 60 times the human dose), and a negative mutagenicity battery are not considered evidence of a carcinogenic potential for Axid.

Axid was not mutagenic in a battery of tests performed to evaluate its potential genetic toxicity, including bacterial mutation tests, unscheduled DNA synthesis, sister chromatid exchange, mouse lymphoma assay, chromosome aberration tests, and a micronucleus test.

In a two-generation, perinatal and postnatal fertility study in rats, doses of nizatidine up to 650 mg/kg/day produced no adverse effects on the reproductive performance of parental animals or their progeny.

Pregnancy—Fetotoxic Effects—Pregnancy Category C—Oral reproduction studies in rats at doses up to 300 times the human dose and in Dutch Belted rabbits at doses up to 55 times the human dose revealed no evidence of impaired fertility or teratogenic effect; but, at a dose equivalent to 300 times the human dose, treated rabbits had abortions, decreased number of live fetuses, and depressed fetal weights. On intravenous administration to pregnant New Zealand White rabbits, nizatidine at 20 mg/kg produced cardiac enlargement, coarctation of the aortic arch, and cutaneous edema in one fetus, and at 50 mg/kg, it produced ventricular anomaly, distended abdomen, spina bifida, hydrocephaly, and enlarged heart in one fetus. There are, however, no adequate and well-controlled studies in pregnant women. It is also not known whether nizatidine can cause fetal harm when administered to a pregnant woman or can affect reproduction capacity. Nizatidine should be used during pregnancy only if the potential benefit justifies the potential risk to the fetus.

Nursing Mothers—Studies in lactating women have shown that 0.1% of an oral dose is secreted in human milk in proportion to plasma concentrations. Because of growth depression in pups reared by treated lactating rats, a decision should be made whether to discontinue nursing or the drug, taking into account the importance of the drug to the mother.

Pediatric Use—Safety and effectiveness in children have not been established.

Use in Elderly Patients—Healing rates in elderly patients were similar to those in younger age groups as were the rates of adverse events and laboratory test abnormalities. Age alone may not be an important factor in the disposition of nizatidine. Elderly patients may have reduced renal function.

Adverse Reactions: Clinical trials of varying durations included almost 5,000 patients. Among the more common adverse events in domestic placebo-controlled trials of over 1,900 nizatidine patients and over 1,300 on placebo, sweating (1% vs 0.2%), urticaria (0.5% vs <0.01%), and somnolence (2.4% vs 1.3%) were significantly more common with nizatidine. It was not possible to determine whether a variety of less common events was due to the drug.

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Hepatic—Hepatocellular injury (elevated liver enzyme tests, or alkaline phosphatase) possibly or probably related to nizatidine occurred in some patients. In some cases, there was marked elevation (>500 IU/L) in SGOT or SGPT and, in a single instance, SGPT was >2,000 IU/L. The incidence of elevated liver enzymes overall and elevations of up to three times the upper limit of normal, however, did not significantly differ from that in placebo patients. Hepatitis and jaundice have been reported. All abnormalities were reversible after discontinuation of Axid.

Cardiovascular—In clinical pharmacology studies, short episodes of asymptomatic ventricular tachycardia occurred in two individuals administered Axid and in three untreated subjects.

CNS—Rare cases of reversible mental confusion have been reported.

Endocrine—Clinical pharmacology studies and controlled clinical trials showed no evidence of antiandrogenic activity due to nizatidine. Impotence and decreased libido were reported with equal frequency by patients on nizatidine and those on placebo. Gynecomastia has been reported rarely.

Hematologic—Fatal thrombocytopenia was reported in a patient treated with nizatidine and another H₂-receptor antagonist. This patient had previously experienced thrombocytopenia while taking other drugs. Rare cases of thrombocytopenic purpura have been reported.

Integumental—Sweating and urticaria were reported significantly more frequently in nizatidine- than in placebo-treated patients. Rash and exfoliative dermatitis were also reported.

Hypersensitivity—As with other H₂-receptor antagonists, rare cases of anaphylaxis following nizatidine administration have been reported. Because cross-sensitivity among this class has been observed, H₂-receptor antagonists should not be administered to those with a history of hypersensitivity to these agents. Rare episodes of hypersensitivity reactions (eg, bronchospasm, laryngeal edema, rash, and eosinophilia) have been reported.

Other—Hyperuricemia unassociated with gout or nephrolithiasis was reported. Eosinophilia, fever, and nausea related to nizatidine have been reported.

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Mrs. Linus Miller is New ATOMA President



The Westin Paso del Norte Hotel was the scene for the Spouses Luncheon and Installation of ATOMA officers, which took place on Friday, May 4, during ATOMA's annual convention in El Paso.

Special guest was Mrs. Glenda Carlile, President of the Auxiliary to the American Osteopathic Association, who hails from Oklahoma. Additionally, a style show was presented by Designer Classics of Fort Worth, featuring unique and individualized fashions.

During the event, the gavel was passed to Mrs. Linus (Claudette) Miller of Mesquite, who became ATOMA president for 1990-91. Mrs. Miller succeeds Mrs. William (Chuckie) Hospers of North Richland Hills. Also installed as officers with Mrs. Miller were Mrs. Mark (Lita) Baker of Fort Worth, as president-elect; Mrs. Mark (Herrie) Watkins of Port Neches, as vice-president; Mrs. Robert (Pat) Starr of Rockwall, as recording secretary; and Mrs. Randall (Peggy) Rodgers of Arlington, as treasurer.

Mrs. Miller has been involved in ATOMA at the local and state levels for 12 years. She holds degrees in nursing, accounting and business administration, and currently works as office manager for her husband, Linus Miller, D.O., a general practitioner in Mesquite. Dr. Miller is an active ATOMA member, serving in the House of Delegates. The Millers are the parents of six children: Jeff, Lance, Kammi, Sharla, Michelle and Keisha. Family past-times include skiing, golf, softball and church activities.

The following is the acceptance speech prepared by Mrs. Miller for President's Night.

"Getting the message across to the general public about Osteopathy has always been a major priority to me. Countless times I have patiently explained the osteopath's education and philosophy to the point that I sound like a pre-recorded message, even to me! How many times have we heard 'Osteopaths' — they're the same as Chiropractors, right?' Or, 'I go to my D.O. for adjustments, but my REAL doctor when I'm sick!'

"The AAOA ad campaign has been highly successful. Excellent and professionally scripted ads have appeared in the *Saturday Evening Post*, *Newsweek* and *Texas Monthly*. Public awareness of the Osteopath's role has been greatly enhanced with this type of P.R.

"Favorable P.R. begins at the grass roots level. The physician's office staff is often the patient's first exposure to Osteopathy. It's vitally important to have an informed person behind the receptionist's desk! Once the patient gets back to see you, the Osteopathic physician, you are your own best P.R. representative. Take a couple extra minutes to answer the patient's questions about our profession; new patients especially need answers.

"A few years ago I was reading one of my nursing publication's question and answer section. An R.N. from a large northern hospital wrote to the editor asking, 'Must I take orders from an Osteopath?' This so infuriated me that I sent a copy to Tex Roberts who, in turn, sent it on to the AOA office in Chicago for action.

"Just last fall, my mother sent me an article out of the Topeka, Kansas, newspaper which targeted Osteopathic Hospitals as having extremely high death rates. I sent this article to Tom Hanstrom, Executive Director of ATOMA who, in turn, sent it to the AOA. The action culminated with a retraction and clarification. My point is that if you read, hear or see any type of negative publicity regarding Osteopathy, please take some type of affirmative action to correct it. If you don't take action, who will?

"The AAOA Scholarship Program presented 16 scholarships in 1988-89 to worthy and needy sophomore students in our colleges. Every year, 10 percent of AAOA's dues go directly into the scholarship fund.

"We still have a huge task ahead of us when it comes to educating the public about Osteopathic Medicine but 'WE HAVE COME A LONG WAY BABY!' Osteopathic Medicine has made tremendous progress with Osteopathic physicians being the easily identifiable impetus in the process. Supporting your Osteopathic Profession through active involvement with your Texas Osteopathic Medical Association and the American Osteopathic Association will help insure your future. Be a part of the reason for our success — not an excuse for its failure. Thank you."

Congratulations to the new ATOMA officers from ATOMA. ■

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MOTION: That Life memberships in TOMA be approved for Drs. William W. Bailes, John H. Burnett, Ross M. Carmichael, Marion E. Coy, Lynn E. Fite, Roy J. Harvey, William R. Jenkins, Patrick D. Philben, Ernest L. Phillips, Jr., John B. Riggs, T. Robert Sharp, Myron G. Skinner and Russell L. Vinson.

APPROVED

MOTION: That the House of Delegates instruct the AOA Delegates to support Dr. T. Eugene Zachary, FACGP, as Speaker of the AOA House of Delegates.

APPROVED

RESOLUTION NO. 1 PERTAINING TO MEDICAL STAFF PRIVILEGES: The House of Delegates goes on record seeking to end discrimination related to hospital medical staff or departmental privileges based solely upon certification, fellowship or membership in a specialty body or society, or number of years in postgraduate training.

APPROVED AS AMENDED

RESOLUTION NO. 2 PERTAINING TO PHYSICIAN OFFICE LABORATORIES: The House of Delegates goes on record as working to assure that physician office laboratory certification, which may be required by federal or state legislation, be as non-intrusive as possible into the practice of medicine, with such legislation to provide for reimbursement to the provider to cover the cost incurred by complying with state regulations; and that access to such laboratory tests, as the physician would deem medically necessary, not be limited by unnecessary regulations.

APPROVED AS AMENDED

RESOLUTION NO. 3 PERTAINING TO MEDICAL WASTE MANAGEMENT: The House of Delegates goes on record seeking assurances that medical waste regulations, at the federal and state levels, are as non-intrusive as possible into the practice of medicine, such management not to become so restrictive as to cause physicians to abandon certain treatment practices and modalities, thus limiting access to care for Texans.

APPROVED

RESOLUTION NO. 4 PERTAINING TO TOMA DISTRICT XI SERVING AS THE HOST DISTRICT: The House of Delegates goes on record expressing sincere appreciation to District XI for serving as the host district for the 1990 convention.

APPROVED

RESOLUTION NO. 5 PERTAINING TO OSTEOPATHIC ORIENTED CME: The House of Delegates goes on record supporting the policy that at least one osteopathic oriented lecture be included in each clinical day at all TOMA conventions.

APPROVED

RESOLUTION NO. 6 PERTAINING TO CHANGING STATUS OF STUDENT/INTERN/RESIDENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE: The House of Delegates goes on record supporting a change of status of the TOMA Student/Intern/Resident Relations Committee from Ad Hoc to a standing committee of the Department of Development & Liaison.

APPROVED

RESOLUTION NO. 7 PERTAINING TO CHANGING STATUS OF OSTEOPATHIC PRINCIPLES & PRACTICE COMMITTEE: The House of Delegates goes on record supporting a change of status of the TOMA Osteopathic Principles & Practice Committee from Ad Hoc to a standing committee of the Department of Professional Affairs.

APPROVED

RESOLUTION NO. 8 PERTAINING TO OSTEOPATHIC COMMITMENT TO RURAL TEXAS: The House of Delegates goes on record calling upon TOMA, TCOM and rural TOMA districts to develop a program whereby Texas osteopathic students, interns, residents and practicing physicians can be matched with rural communities within Texas who desire physicians to locate and practice in their area.

APPROVED AS AMENDED

RESOLUTION NO. 9 PERTAINING TO DEFINITION OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE:

DISAPPROVED

RESOLUTION NO. 10 PERTAINING TO OSTEOPATHIC TRAINING: The House of Delegates goes on record affirming the need for continuity in the osteopathic profession's mission to train superior family and general practitioners, and urges consideration and adoption by the AOA House.

APPROVED

RESOLUTION NO. 11 PERTAINING TO OSTEOPATHIC CURRICULA: The House of Delegates goes on record supporting the position that active practicing osteopathic physicians continue having input to planning and development of curricula in osteopathic colleges to insure that these curricula are relevant to the provision of primary health care; that osteopathic philosophy, principles and practice continue to be incorporated in the teaching of all clinical fields; and urges consideration and adoption by the AOA House.

APPROVED AS AMENDED

RESOLUTION NO. 12 PERTAINING TO NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE, CHOICE OF PHYSICIAN: The House of Delegates goes on record supporting planning by TOMA for the likely enactment within the foreseeable future of some form of national health plan, making preparations to protect the patients' freedom of choice of physician, and urges consideration and adoption by the AOA House.

APPROVED

RESOLUTION NO. 13 PERTAINING TO RBRVS/OSTEOPATHIC SKILLS:

DISAPPROVED

RESOLUTION NO. 14 PERTAINING TO MEDICAL CARE OUTCOMES:

REFERRED BACK TO LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR CLARIFICATION

RESOLUTION NO. 15 PERTAINING TO HEALTH CARE FINANCING: The House of Delegates goes on record supporting the most efficient management of health care funds possible, intervening actively to prevent waste in this application, and urges consideration and adoption by the AOA House.

APPROVED

House of Delegates

RESOLUTION NO. 16 PERTAINING TO MEDICAL HEALTH INSURANCE: COST/BENEFIT RATIO: The House of Delegates goes on record supporting the active assistance by TOMA in studying the risk benefit ratio of all aspects of any proposed national health care system, and urges consideration and adoption by the AOA House.

APPROVED

RESOLUTION NO. 17 PERTAINING TO PHYSICIAN RESPONSIBILITY:

DISAPPROVED

RESOLUTION NO. 18 PERTAINING TO MEDICAL ETHICS: The House of Delegates goes on record supporting the position that actively practicing physicians should play the major role in the development and instruction of medical ethics, and urges consideration and adoption by the AOA House.

APPROVED AS AMENDED

RESOLUTION NO. 19 PERTAINING TO PROFESSIONAL/INSTITUTIONAL COMMUNICATION:

DISAPPROVED

RESOLUTION NO. 20 PERTAINING TO POST GRADUATE STIPENDS: The House of Delegates goes on record affirming its support in maintaining and enhancing the quality of teaching programs and also urges competitive stipends in osteopathic post graduate training programs.

APPROVED AS AMENDED

RESOLUTION NO. 21 PERTAINING TO AOA CME RECOGNITION AWARD:

DISAPPROVED

RESOLUTION NO. 22 PERTAINING TO UNT AND BC/BS BOARDS: The House of Delegates goes on record supporting the position that TOMA continue to vigorously pursue the goals of representation on the Board of Regents of the University of North Texas and the Board of Blue Cross and Blue Shield.

APPROVED AS AMENDED

RESOLUTION NO. 23 PERTAINING TO LICENSURE EXAMS:

DISAPPROVED

RESOLUTION NO. 24 PERTAINING TO OSTEOPATHIC POLITICAL ASPIRATION: The House of Delegates goes on record supporting the position that TOMA encourage political activism by osteopathic physicians and research the possibility of electing a D.O. to the legislature, and urges consideration and adoption by the AOA House.

APPROVED

RESOLUTION NO. 25 PERTAINING TO VOLUNTARY CME: The House of Delegates goes on record reaffirming its support of voluntary CME for all Texas osteopathic physicians, and also affirms its support for the AOA guidelines pertaining to CME.

APPROVED

RESOLUTION NO. 26 PERTAINING TO DEFINITION OF OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIAN:

DISAPPROVED

RESOLUTION NO. 27 PERTAINING TO ETHICS RESOURCES:

WITHDRAWN

RESOLUTION NO. 28 PERTAINING TO MEDICARE SCREENS: The House of Delegates goes on record calling upon HCFA to change its policy prohibiting public disclosure of all Medicare screening parameters, to involve osteopathic physicians in the development of screening parameters, especially those dealing with osteopathic procedures, and urges consideration and adoption by the AOA House.

APPROVED AS AMENDED

RESOLUTION NO. 29 PERTAINING TO PEER REVIEW: The House of Delegates goes on record supporting federal legislation which would guarantee that D.O.s be represented on all appeal level cases reviewing D.O.s.

APPROVED AS AMENDED

RESOLUTION NO. 30 PERTAINING TO MEDICARE INTERMEDIARY DENIAL LETTERS: The House of Delegates goes on record calling upon HCFA to instruct Texas fiscal intermediaries to release to Texas providers the parameters used to generate Medicare intermediary denial letters.

APPROVED

RESOLUTION NO. 31 PERTAINING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION PAYMENT: The House of Delegates goes on record supporting legislation that would clarify work-related and non-work-related health care and would make non-work-related health care the responsibility of the injured worker.

APPROVED AS AMENDED

RESOLUTION NO. 32 PERTAINING TO RESOURCE-BASED RELATIVE VALUE SCALE — OMT: The House of Delegates goes on record supporting steps to ensure that practice parameters created as guidelines are not used as cost containment or disciplining mechanisms, and to ensure that any practice parameters dealing with osteopathic manipulative management be developed by practicing osteopathic physicians who utilize OMT on a daily basis.

APPROVED

RESOLUTION NO. 33 PERTAINING TO MEDICARE OUT-OF-TOWN COVERAGE: The House of Delegates goes on record seeking a change in the Medicare reimbursement policy so that physicians can provide reasonable coverage of Medicare patients for each other, and allow the primary physician of the Medicare patient to bill and receive reimbursement for that temporary service performed by the colleague covering for him.

APPROVED AS AMENDED

RESOLUTION NO. 34 PERTAINING TO MEDICARE ASSIGNMENT: The House of Delegates goes on record seeking the deletion of the following statement from the Explanation of Medicare Benefits: "Your doctor or supplier did not accept assignment of your claim totaling \$____; you could have avoided paying \$____ if the claim had been assigned."

APPROVED

RESOLUTION 35 PERTAINING TO GENERIC SUBSTITUTION: The House of Delegates goes on record supporting closer FDA scrutiny and regulation of generic drugs; opposing mandatory generic substitution programs that remove control of the treatment program from the physician; and opposing blanket approval of generic substitution.

APPROVED

RESOLUTION NO. 36 PERTAINING TO MEDICARE APPEALS:

The House of Delegates goes on record supporting working with Congress and HCFA to improve opportunities for appealing determinations of medically unnecessary care, and seeking relief from the court for medical necessity denials.

APPROVED AS AMENDED

RESOLUTION NO. 37 PERTAINING TO OMT INSURANCE

PREJUDICES: The House of Delegates goes on record instructing the TOMA Executive Director to actively seek out and communicate with those third party payers who consider prior osteopathic manipulative treatments evidence of pre-existing chronic conditions, and also instructs TOMA's Executive Director to advise such payers of the preventive, as well as the therapeutic, modes of osteopathic management.

APPROVED

RESOLUTION NO. 38 PERTAINING TO THE USE OF ANIMALS IN MEDICAL RESEARCH:

The House of Delegates goes on record supporting the use of animals for valid medical research projects, the humane handling and treatment of such animals and their ready availability from legitimate sources at nominal cost.

APPROVED AS AMENDED

RESOLUTION NO. 39 PERTAINING TO CME CREDIT FOR STATE HOUSE OF DELEGATES PARTICIPATION:

The House of Delegates goes on record petitioning the AOA Office of Education, Division of CME, for six hours Category 1-B CME credit to be awarded to Texas osteopathic physicians who participate in the TOMA House of Delegates, and urges consideration and adoption by the AOA House.

APPROVED

RESOLUTION NO. 40 PERTAINING TO THE TCOM

FOUNDATION: The House of Delegates goes on record expressing sincere appreciation to the TCOM Foundation for annually sponsoring the TOMA House of Delegates' luncheon, and calls upon the TOMA Executive Director to convey this resolution to the TCOM Foundation.

APPROVED

New officers elected by the House are listed elsewhere in this issue, along with department and committee appointments of President Robert L. Peters, Jr., D.O., FACGP.

The House of Delegates observed a minute of silence for the following members, family and friends who died during the past year: James C. Williamson, Jr., D.O.; Everett W. Wilson, D.O.; Burr Lacey, D.O.; Harold B. Stilwell, D.O.; Arthur J. Cording, D.O.; David E. Harman, D.O.; Clifford W. Hammond, Jr., D.O.; Gary E. Winn, D.O.; Howard W. Jungman, D.O.; Mrs. Faye Coleman; Kenneth E. Ross, D.O.; Virginia Ellis Love; Alice Burns Ganz; Rolland Ensign, D.O.; and Sonya G. Knight.

The following physicians were recognized for their service in the TOMA House of Delegates.

- 5 YEARS: Bill V. Way, Craig D. Whiting, Jerry F. Gurkoff
- 10 YEARS: David M. Beyer, Don D. Davis
- 11 YEARS: Joseph Montgomery-Davis, William D. Hospers
- 13 YEARS: James G. Matthews, Jr., Robert L. Peters, Jr.
- 14 YEARS: Richard M. Hall, Donald F. Vedral
- 16 YEARS: Merlin L. Shriner
- 17 YEARS: Mary M. Burnett
- 18 YEARS: Jerome L. Armbruster, Robert G. Maul, David F. Norris, Bill H. Puryear

- 19 YEARS: Arthur S. Wiley
- 20 YEARS: John J. Cegelski, Jr., Selden E. Smith
- 21 YEARS: Frank J. Bradley
- 22 YEARS: Ronald H. Owens, Donald M. Peterson
- 24 YEARS: Robert B. Finch, William R. Jenkins, J. Paul Price, Jr.
- 25 YEARS: David R. Armbruster
- 26 YEARS: T. Eugene Zachary
- 31 YEARS: John H. Burnett

Activities of the TOMA House of Delegates

A resolution supporting development of a program coordinated by TOMA, TCOM and rural areas desiring physicians, whereby Texas osteopathic students, interns, residents and practicing physicians would be matched with interested communities, was among the major actions taken during the May 2 annual meeting of the TOMA House of Delegates.

Action taken on all presented resolutions are printed elsewhere in this issue.

The election of officers highlighted the meeting with Donald F. Vedral, D.O., of Cedar Hill, elected as president-elect and Jerry E. Smola, D.O., of Sweetwater as vice president. Robert L. Peters, Jr., D.O., FACGP of Round Rock, assumed the presidency during the three-day meeting, succeeding Joseph Montgomery-Davis, D.O., of Raymondville.

Elected to three-year terms on the TOMA Board of Trustees were Arthur J. Speece, III, D.O., of Grand Prairie; David W. Tyler, D.O., of Lubbock; James E. Froelich, III, D.O., of Bonham; and Timothy H. Werner, D.O., of Helotes, Jim W. Czewski, D.O., of Fort Worth, and Charles R. Hall, D.O., of Bangs, were elected to one-year terms on the Board.

Re-elected as Speaker of the House of Delegates was T. Eugene Zachary, D.O., FACGP, of Fort Worth, and Mark A. Baker, D.O., of Fort Worth, was re-elected Vice Speaker.

Four TOMA members elected to three-year terms to the AOA House of Delegates were Robert G. Maul, D.O., FACGP, of Lubbock; Donald M. Peterson, D.O., FACGP, of Dallas; Mary M. Burnett, D.O., FACGP, of Dallas; and Gerald P. Flanagan, D.O., FACGP, of Fort Worth.

Elected as alternate delegates to the AOA House were Dr. Speece as first alternate; Brian G. Knight, D.O., of Corpus Christi, as second alternate; Richard M. Hall, D.O., FACGP, of Eden, as third alternate; R. Greg Maul, D.O., of Arlington; Dr. Baker; Ronald H. Owens, D.O., of Dallas; Dr. Werner; Dr. Froelich; Dr. Vedral; Rodney M. Wiseman, D.O., of Whitehouse; Dr. Czewski; and Kenneth S. Bayles, D.O. of Dallas.

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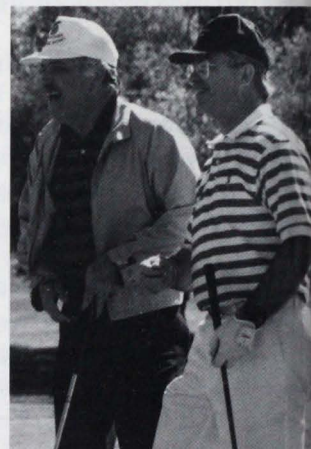
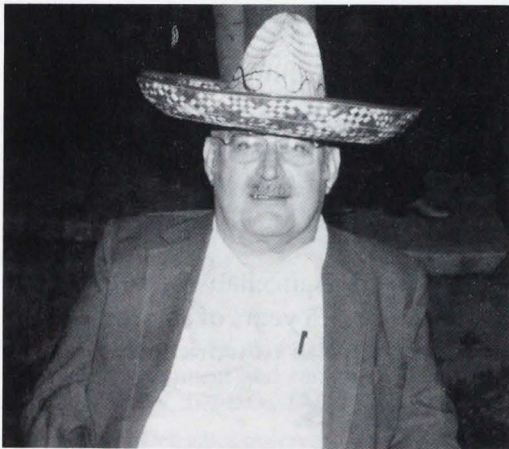
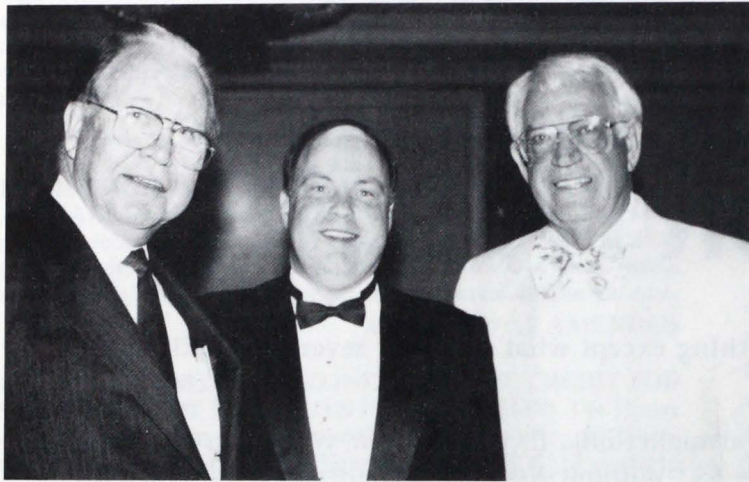
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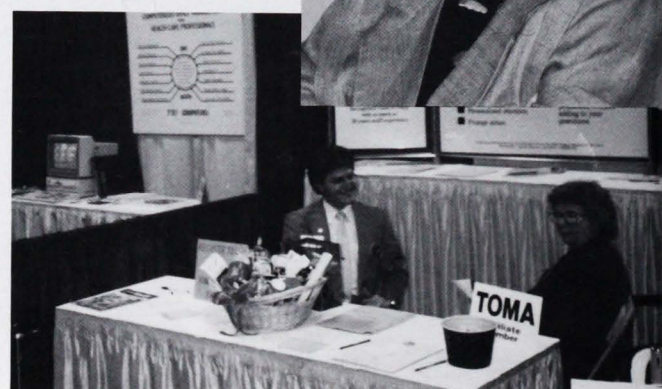
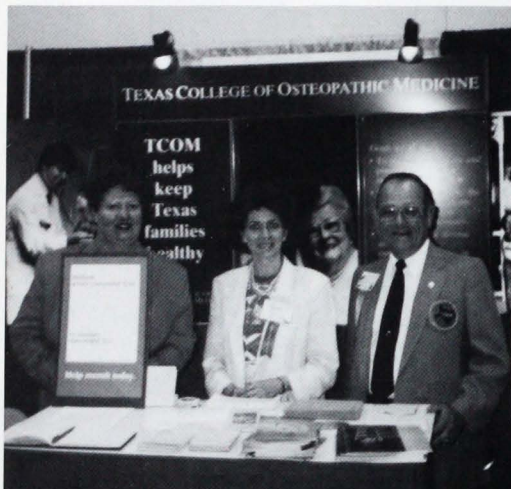
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ATOMA NEWS

by Deidre Froelich, Ph.D., News Chairman

The annual meeting of the ATOMA House of Delegates convened Thursday, May 3, 1990, at the Westin Las Alamos Hotel, El Paso, concurrent with the ATOMA 91st Annual Convention and Scientific Seminar. 1989-90 President Chuckie Hospers called the meeting to order.

A "Welcome to El Paso" was given by local ATOMA delegate Leticia Lopez, following the invocation presented by Nancy Zachary. Special guests introduced by Vice President Rita Baker included AOA President Elect Mitchell Kasovac, D.O., AAOA President Glenda Carlile, 1989-90 TOMA President Joe Montgomery-Davis, D.O., 1990-91 TOMA President Robert Peters, D.O., and TOMA Executive Director Tom Hanstrom.

In addressing the delegates, Dr. Kasovac noted that the osteopathic profession is currently represented by 14 percent female physicians, with 32 percent of the student population comprised of women. Osteopathic auxiliaries will thus include a larger male membership in the near future. Auxiliary activities customarily formatted for women will require altered or additional functions to accommodate male spouses volunteering their energies to ATOMA.

Dr. Montgomery-Davis expressed gratitude to those extending hospitality to him as he visited districts during his presidential term. Dr. Peters outlined his goals for the coming year, stressing growth and continued utilization of Auxiliary support.

Mrs. Carlile stressed the continued need for Auxiliary membership to increase from local and state to national support. Summarizing many of the public relations efforts extended thus far by the AAOA, she emphasized that these promotions would expand particularly as the osteopathic profession reaches its 100th anniversary in 1992. To increase national auxiliary participation, she announced the possibility of changing the AAOA House of Delegates meeting time to coincide with the AOA House of Delegates meeting.

ATOMA minutes and officer reports were published in a yearbook form and presented to delegates in attendance. Treasurer Peggy Rodgers amended her report to represent the following: \$13,312.11 total receipts for 1989-90 with expenditures of \$11,482.36, leaving a balance on hand of \$1,829.75 as of her April 1, 1990, accounting.

Among those reports in the yearbook, the following items were notable. Christine T. Brenner, ATOMA Public Health and Education officer, reported a second successful year for "Mousie Mouse's Safety Coloring Book." As a result of TOMA's support, Mousie appeared on the cover of the *Texas D.O.*, the publicity from which encouraged the ordering of 3,356 books and 140

stories by physicians, local auxiliaries and hospitals. Delaware's auxiliary ordered 500 copies, and Iowa ordered 600. In addition to the public relations and educational value provided by the coloring book project, actual monetary profits totaled \$610.90.

In her scholarship report, Karen Hull noted that two TCOM students received AAOA scholarships awarded to freshman applicants in the top 20 percent of their class based on academic excellence, financial need, and motivation toward the osteopathic medical philosophy. Glen H.J. Stevens, from Fort Worth, received the Lawrence W. Mills Memorial Award for \$5,000.00 and Sophia Apple, of California, received one of the alternate awards. The number of scholarships awarded are determined on consideration of funds available. 150 students applied.

Yearbook chairman Elaine Rahm Tyler announced that yearbooks were provided this year at no charge to the delegates thanks to bindings and covers provided by previous yearbook chairman Sherrie Watkins and copying supplies donated by the office of David Tyler, D.O., of Lubbock.

According to Credentials chairman Marilyn Richards, the convened House of Delegates included 37 attending comprised of 3 guests, 5 ATOMA past presidents, 2 AAOA past presidents, 14 ATOMA board members and 14 delegates. Claudette Miller presented Bessanne Anderson and Merna Stratton for Life membership. The motion passed.

Motions from the Pre-Convention Board meeting were read by Sherrie Watkins, with all receiving the passing vote of the delegates.

MOTION 1 — ATOMA donate \$100 to NOGA-Guild for their 35th annual convention.

MOTION 2 — ATOMA adopt the proposed revised budget for 1990-91.

MOTION 3 — ATOMA donate \$600 to National Ad Campaign and \$300 to TCOM Foundation.

MOTION 4 — ATOMA cover expenses for housing and transportation for Student Auxiliary Association representative to State Convention.

MOTION 5 — ATOMA use the same formula for disbursement of funds as followed the previous year: 35 percent to Student Scholarship Fund; 20 percent of OPF; 15 percent to Student Loan Research; 20 percent to Student Emergency Loan Fund and 10 percent to National Ad Campaign.

MOTION 6 — ATOMA sell quilt squares for \$25 with Nancy Zachary coordinating the ATOMA quilt project.

This resolution regarding Associate Membership to ATOMA was read by Chuckie Hospers and accepted by vote of the delegates.

WHEREAS, Declining membership in the auxiliary is a continuing problem at the Student Associate Auxiliaries, District, State and National levels, and

WHEREAS, Auxiliary membership is restricted by AAOA by-laws to immediate family and physician spouses, and

WHEREAS, No membership category exists for individuals outside the profession, and

WHEREAS, These individuals offer interest, enthusiasm, and expertise beneficial to the auxiliary and to the profession, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the AAOA change their by-laws to read: Associate membership shall be granted to those who are interested in supporting and promoting the osteopathic profession.

Chuckie Hospers announced that Ohio has challenged Texas to see who can achieve the largest national membership from their respective state. Ohio has offered five pounds of Buckeye candy to match five pounds of Texas pecans. Relating to membership, this time *State ATOMA* dues, Peggy Rodgers announced that the TOMA office will begin sending cards to those who have paid their dues to relieve the uncertainty of those who might have dues paid via office accounts.

The nominating committee of Sue Urban, Priscilla Briney and Patricia Starr presented the following slate of new officers, passed by vote of the delegates:

President:	Claudette Miller	District V
President Elect:	Rita Baker	District II
Vice President:	Sherrie Watkins	District XII
Recording Secretary:	Patricia Starr	District V
Treasurer:	Peggy Rodgers	District XV

Nominating committee members elected for the next year were Chuckie Hospers, chairman, with Marilyn Richards and Nancy Zachary. Delegates elected for the 1990 Annual Convention in Las Vegas were Nancy Zachary, Marilyn Richards, Ruby Peters, Claudette Miller, Rita Baker, Sherrie Watkins and Chuckie Hospers.

On Friday, May 4, 1990, ATOMA held its annual Installation Luncheon. In addition to speeches presented by outgoing President Chuckie Hospers and incoming President Claudette Miller, an interesting overview of ATOMA's past was offered by Reva Ogilvie. Including minutes from early auxiliary meetings and photographs of founding members, Reva detailed the conception and early growth of our organization which is celebrating its 50th anniversary. Exerpts from her presentation will be offered in this summers' ATOMA NEWS.

A style show was presented by Janell, Inc. of Fort Worth, using ATOMA members as models. The designer of the fashionable knit components demonstrated the versatility of the colors and pieces combined to suit women of various sizes and coloring. Mrs. Tom Hanstrom, company representative in Fort Worth, provided items for discounted purchase to members following the luncheon.

Glenda Carlile, AAOA President, performed installation ceremonies further addressing the values of auxiliary membership and cooperation.

The ATOMA fundraiser was completed Friday evening, following the President's Night banquet. Chairman

Darlene Way coordinated the raffle featuring the grand prize trip for two to a choice of London, Paris, Frankfurt. Chances for the trip, including airfare, luxury hotel accommodations, a tour of the city of choice and one show, were sold for \$10 each or three for \$30 (better advertised at twelve for \$100). Dr. Bill Puryear of Fort Worth held the lucky ticket. Details on total funds collected, door prizes and monies donated, and other lucky winners will also be included in ATOMA news this summer.

NOTE: As Auxiliary News Chairman for the coming year, I welcome all input, tidbits and encourage regular updates from each auxiliary. If you know something interesting or newsworthy about an auxiliary member, physician or a related topic, please write me or call me. I'll be happy to take your tips and turn them into stories. Deidre L. Froelich, Ph.D. (Mrs. James E. Froelich, II, D.O., District XIII), 2019 Liberty, Bonham, TX 75412 (214) 583-4812.

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Thank YOU From TOMA

Our recent acquisition of the duplex in Austin prompted us to ask for help, in the form of either contributions of money or furniture, in order to ready it for occupancy purposes.

During the House of Delegates meeting in El Paso, the response was extremely generous, with districts, individual physicians and friends of the profession helping out. A little over \$11,000 in cash and pledges was raised, which makes it possible for us to begin furnishing the duplex.

We sincerely thank you for so generously supporting the Association in this fashion. For those still wishing to help, contributions should be sent to the TOMA State Office. Further information can be obtained by contacting either Tom Hanstrom, TOMA Executive Director, 817-336-0549, metro 214-429-9755, toll free 1-800-444-8662; or Robert L. Peters, Jr., D.O., FACGP, TOMA President, at 512-255-3631.

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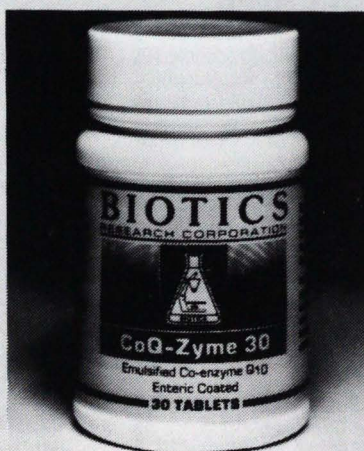
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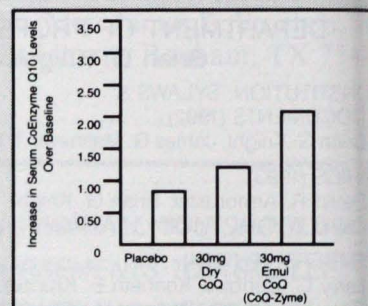
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The high cost, no guarantee system of health insurance coverage is a "disease" that is affecting ALL small employers. Instead of providing long-term, affordable protection from financial losses due to accidents and illness, today's health insurance industry has created tremendous short-term burdens with no certainties of continued coverage in an environment that is as volatile as ever.

A recent item from *Medical Economics* magazine (March 5, 1990) indicates further the troubles that surround small employers, and even more specifically physicians. It reads:

"While state and federal legislators debate the merits of requiring employers to provide health-care coverage for their workers, health insurers are refusing to issue policies to more and more small businesses and professions. Some carriers are even blacklisting physicians and nurses, chiropractors, dentists, and others in the health-care field. One reason that medical workers may be excluded, carriers say, is they tend to have a high rate of utilization."

Although a total cure for these problems may still be far away, TOMA has discovered an "immunization" for its members that can help shield the frustrations that managing health insurance (or the lack of) can cause.

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Texas ACGP Update

By Joseph Montgomery-Davis, D.O., Texas ACGP Editor

The Texas ACGP Board would like to thank our membership for the excellent turnout for breakfast during the TOMA convention in El Paso on May 4, 1990.

The highlight of our breakfast meeting was discussion of the proposed name change for the National ACGP, with lively discussion from those who were for and those who were against the name change. The Texas ACGP membership was encouraged to write to the National ACGP home office in Chicago, Illinois, and express their views on the name change. They were assured by the immediate past president of the National ACGP, Dr. Royce Keilers, that the name change was not a "done deal."

The Texas ACGP once again had a display booth in the exhibit hall at this TOMA convention. A questionnaire was distributed to Texas ACGP members visiting the booth, asking them for their opinion on the proposed name change. Those who were for the change won a split decision over those against the change — 60 percent to 40 percent. The Texas ACGP door prize of a portable color television was won by Dr. Dean Gafford of DeSoto, Texas.

Some finishing touches were applied to the annual Texas ACGP meeting, scheduled for August 2-5, 1990, at the Arlington Hilton in Arlington, Texas. Registration is scheduled for 5:00 p.m., and the educational program is scheduled to start at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 2, 1990, and will provide 27 and ½ CME credits. A special treat this year will be an opportunity to see a Texas Rangers baseball game on Friday evening, August 3. The cost will be \$10 per person and registrants are encouraged to contact the Texas ACGP Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. T.R. Sharp, 4224 Gus Thomasson Road, Mesquite, Texas 75150 by July 15 if they are interested in attending this ball game. Those with any questions can call Dr. Sharp at (214) 279-2453.

The PACER meeting, held on May 4, 1990, also generated a lot of lively debate over the proposed name change for the National ACGP. Those persons in attendance were: Dr. John Burnett, Dr. Mary Burnett, Dr. Royce Keilers, Dr. Montgomery-Davis, Dr. Bob Peters, Dr. T.R. Sharp, Dr. Bob Maul, Dr. Nelda Cuniff, Dr. Connie Jenkins, Dr. Richard M. Hall, Dr. T. Eugene Zachary, Dr. Andy Anderson, and Dr. Don Peterson. A special guest was the executive director of TOMA, Mr. Tom Hanstrom.

This was one of our better PACER meetings, and all past presidents of the Texas ACGP are encouraged to attend our next meeting in August at the Arlington Hilton.

The following is an update on the Texas Worker's Compensation Program and the handling of OMT

claims. On April 20, 1990, the Industrial Accident Board's Workman's Compensation Physician Fee Guidelines Committee met in Austin, Texas.

Myron L. Glickfeld, D.O., who is a member of the committee, presented TOMA's proposal to separate office visits from OMT and allow both charges on the same day. TOMA's proposal was approved by this committee and will be forwarded to the appropriate parties at the Texas Industrial Accident Board for final consideration. We will continue to keep the Texas ACGP membership advised on this issue in future articles.

The State of Texas recently passed rules regarding the correct disposal of infectious sharps and other medical wastes (e.g., hypodermic needles, syringes, pasteurized pipettes, broken glass, scalpel blades) which will apply to all physicians' offices. The sharps must be placed in puncture-resistant containers for disposal; and because these items must be handled as infectious waste, incineration is the preferred method of treatment. There will be an article related to medical waste in the July issue of the *Texas DO*.

The doctor is responsible for the infectious sharp generated from his/her practice. Even if the needles are discarded in the regular trash, the doctor will be liable should an accident occur.

There are several companies who are available to handle infectious waste in Texas. The companies are basically of two varieties — those who offer pick up service and those who offer mail in service on the sharps.

One mail in type service company is Pro-Med Sharps, an affiliate of EMSI, located at 1111 West Mockingbird Lane, Dallas, Texas 75247. The toll-free number is 1-800-777-1312. Their service is affordably priced and would be available to physicians in Texas regardless of their rural or urban locations. Interested physicians can call the toll-free number for more information.

In closing, congratulations to Dr. Richard M. Hall of Eden, Texas, for his selection as the Texas ACGP "General Practitioner of the Year" for 1990.



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A Message From the Department of the Air Force

Medical societies and organizations have recently received communication from Colonel Kenneth C. Dozier, Commander, Robert L. Thompson Strategic Hospital, Carswell Air Force Base, concerning civilian physician generated prescriptions. According to Colonel Dozier, this is the single greatest unprogrammable expense facing the base. Therefore, he is asking that the following letter be disseminated for your information.

Dear Doctor:

The Dallas/Fort Worth area has one of the largest military retirement populations in the country. Possibly, you already see many military retirees. If not, hang on; they just keep coming.

This presents some real challenges for Carswell Air Force Base and for you. By law, I must fill all prescriptions that you write for military members, active duty or retired, if I stock it. The result has been a budget busting escalation of pharmacy costs.

How does this affect you? Primarily in your wallet — as a taxpayer. You and I pay for those military benefits. The number of military retirees will continue to grow. We need your help. Please be as frugal as good medical practice allows. I am faced with some very difficult choices to try and make up a sizeable budgetary shortfall that is due to this year's record-breaking cost of filling civilian physician generated prescriptions.

I solicit your support as physicians, patriots, and taxpayers. Please call me at 782-4890 or drop me a note if I may answer further questions.

Sincerely,

Kenneth C. Dozier, Colonel, USAF, MC, SFS
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Dr. Richard M. Hall Is "GP of the Year"



Richard M. Hall, D.O., FACGP, of Eden, was named the "General Practitioner of the Year" during President's Night on May 4, during the TOMA convention. The award is presented annually by the Texas State Society of the ACGP to an osteopathic physician who has provided exemplary service to the profession. The award

was presented by Nelda N. Cuniff, D.O., immediate past president of the Texas ACGP, and Craig D. Whiting, D.O., Texas ACGP president-elect.

Dr. Hall received his D.O. degree with honors from Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine and served

an internship at Kirksville Osteopathic Hospital. He began his general practice in Eden in 1972. He is certified in general practice and a fellow of ACGPOMS.

A past president of TOMA, Dr. Hall serves on numerous committees and is active in TOMA District IV. Some of his memberships include the AOA; Texas State Society of ACGP, of which he is currently president; the National ACGP; American Osteopathic Association of Sports Medicine; State Health Coordinating Council, Medical Regionalization Subcommittee; National Rehabilitation Association; and the Texas Rural Medical Education Board.

Dr. Hall and his wife, Myrtle, reside in Eden where he serves on the board of the Eden Independent School District; as the Concho County Health Officer since 1974; as chief of staff at Concho Nursing Center and Concho County Hospital; and on the Emergency Medical Services for the Concho Valley Council of Governments. In 1982, Dr. Hall was voted "Man of the Year" by the Eden Chamber of Commerce.

Congratulations to Dr. Hall on this prestigious honor.

New Executive Director for TSBME



Homer R. Goehrs, M.D., FACP, became the new executive director of the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners on April 16, replacing retiring G.V. Brindley, Jr., M.D.

Dr. Goehrs received his M.D. degree from Baylor College of Medicine in Houston and is one of four founders of the Austin Diagnostic Clinic, from which he retired last fall.

He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine; fellow of the American College of Physicians; and a founding fellow of the American Rheumatism Association.

Professional associations include the Texas Rheumatism Association; Travis County Medical Society, of which he is a past president; Travis County Medical Blood Bank; Texas Medical Association; National Society of Clinical Rheumatologists; and the American Medical Association.

TOMA would like to thank Dr. Goehrs for attending our convention and meeting with the Board of Trustees.

Nursing Grants Address Access for Minorities In Rural Areas

Access to health care for residents of rural communities, particularly for minorities, is a continuing problem. To seek solutions, grants for community-based nursing practice models for providing health care to minority persons in rural areas are available.

Populations targeted for this effort are limited to one or more of the following: persons 65 years or older, child-bearing women, adolescents at risk for early pregnancy, and children and infants.

The project is a joint initiative of the National Center for Nursing Research of the National Institutes of Health, The Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, and the Division of Nursing of the Health Resources and Services Administration. Applications are due June 15, and awards will be announced by September 30.

For complete details, contact: Patricia Moritz, Ph.D., R.N., chief of the Nursing Systems Branch, NCNR, at (301) 496-0523; Jerry Weston, Sc.D., AHCPR, (301) 443-2716; or Mary Hill, Ph.D., chief of the Nursing Education and Practice Resources Branch, DN, at (301) 443-6193.

TCOM's Clinical Lab Endorsed by Three Agencies

According to TCOM's *Dateline*, the college's Clinical Laboratory has been endorsed by three prestigious agencies: the College of American Pathologists (CAP), the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Health Care Facilities Administration (HCFA).

The lab received a two-year CAP accreditation, achieving a passing score on 293 of the 300 criteria considered said Dennis Shingleton, technical manager of laboratories for TCOM's Department of Pathology CAP, which is the largest certifying body of its kind sets national standards for laboratory performance in safety, record keeping and quality assurance and control. It is recognized by the federal government as being equal to or more stringent than the government's own inspection program. All procedures in both clinical and anatomical pathology at TCOM were examined.

In May 1989, TCOM was certified for lipoprotein testing by the CDC, becoming one of only two institutions in the Fort Worth/Dallas area to receive CDC certification in that area. Over a one-year period, hundreds of blind samples were tested and retested to qualify TCOM for the certification. Continual proficiency samples must be run in order to maintain accreditation, according to Shingleton.

In November 1989, TCOM received certification from the HCFA, which allows the college's labs to receive reimbursement from Medicaid and Medicare. The college has received HCFA certification annually for at least five years, Shingleton said.

Dr. Medina Is Big Winner

Francisco S. Medina, D.O., of Dallas, literally hit the jackpot this year as the winner of the complimentary trip for two to Las Vegas. His name was announced during the President's Night Banquet on May 4 during the TOMA convention. Dr. Medina will be treated to three days and two nights at a luxury hotel in Las Vegas (courtesy of Main St. Travel, Fort Worth), as well as two roundtrip coach tickets from American Airlines, to depart from Dallas/Fort Worth. The drawing was open to all TOMA members paying their membership dues in full by April 1, 1990.

Congratulations to Dr. Medina!

Risk Prevention Skills Workshop Offered to Physicians

Passage of the Omnibus Health Care Rescue Act, House Bill 18, created a state liability indemnification program entitling physicians to liability premium discounts. As a cooperative effort between the Texas Medical Association and TOMA, a series of workshops throughout the year that fulfill the continuing medical education requirement are being offered.

"Risk Prevention Skills" will help physicians better understand state indemnification, the 10 most prominent areas of preventable exposure, and informed consent. Participants also will gain new skills in record keeping, risk prevention, and patient safety.

The workshop and independent study system meet the CME requirement of 15 credit hours under HB 18. To be eligible for a discount, physicians also must provide 10 percent or more charity care as defined by HB 18, maintain a \$100,000/\$300,000 professional liability policy, and apply for the discount 30 days before the term of the policy.

Leading the workshops is Linda Mangels, Ph.D. She has led more than 150 risk management seminars nationwide to physicians in all specialties. Expert attorneys, physicians, and/or risk managers also will be on hand to answer questions.

Registration fee is \$195 and includes tuition, workbook/reference book, dinner buffet, four hours of classroom instruction, 11 hours independent study course, and confidential computer-scored course evaluation for your own use. Pre-registration IS REQUIRED. To register, complete the workshop registration form and mail to the TMA. Registration and the dinner buffet begin at 5:00 p.m., with the workshop starting at 6:00 p.m. and running to 10:00 p.m.

The Risk Prevention Skills Workshop schedule, from June to November 1990, is as follows:

San Antonio — Monday, June 4 Majestic Inn 51 So. Broadway (512) 561-5800	Harlingen — Wednesday, July 18 Holiday Inn 1901 West Tyler (512) 425-1810
Austin — Tuesday, June 5 Embassy Suites 55 North IH 35 (512) 454-3737	Amarillo — Wednesday, August 8 TX Tech Health Sciences Cent. Aud. 1400 Wallace Boulevard (806) 355-6854
Fort Worth — Tuesday, June 19 Embassy Suites 100 Main Street (817) 870-1000	Dallas — Thursday, August 16 Embassy Suites 3880 West North West Hwy. (214) 357-4500
San Antonio — Tuesday, July 17 Embassy Suites 100 North East Loop West (214) 366-2424	Houston — Wednesday, August 29 Marriott Brookhollow 3000 North Loop West (T.C. Jester Exit) (713) 688-0100

San Antonio — Wednesday, October 3
Bexar County Medical Society
202 West French Place
(512) 734-6691

Dallas — Thursday, November 8
Sheraton Mockingbird
1893 West Mockingbird Lane
(214) 634-8850

Houston — Wednesday, November 7
Houston Marriott by the Galleria
1750 West Loop South
(713) 960-0111

Registration Form

Risk Prevention Skills

Communicating and Record Keeping in Clinical Practice

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in: _____ (City)

Physician's Name: _____

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Phone: _____

Name of Liability Insurance Carrier: _____

Date Policy will Expire this year: _____

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Dangerous Drugs and Controlled Substances Rules Adopted by the TSBME

Record keeping requirements for dangerous drugs, including samples, has been a source of confusion for physicians and has often led to misinterpretation of the law. To clarify this issue, the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners has recently adopted rules for record keeping for dangerous drugs and controlled substances.

A dangerous drug is any drug or device which is not listed in the Controlled Substance Act and which is not safe for self-medication or bears the legend, "Caution: Federal law prohibits dispensing without a prescription." The Dangerous Drugs Act requires a physician to maintain records for two years after the date of the acquisition or disposal of the dangerous drug.

The rules recently adopted by the TSBME provide a presumption of compliance by a physician for record keeping for dangerous drug samples if he or she maintains a copy of the signed request form required by the Prescription Drug Marketing Act of 1987 for two years, and the physician makes appropriate entries in patient's

medical records when a dangerous drug sample is supplied to a patient. Generally, a drug company representative provides a copy of the request as a receipt at the time the physician receives the samples.

For dangerous drugs that the physician acquires other than as a sample, the physician needs to maintain for two years a copy of the invoice or receiving order or other form of documentation of receipt or acquisition. Once again, appropriate entries in patients' records should be made. As with samples, if these two steps are taken, the new rules provide that the physician will be presumed to have complied with the record keeping requirements for dangerous drugs.

The TSBME also adopted rules for record keeping for controlled substances. The board rules are identical to the rules of the Texas Department of Public Safety.

A complete listing of the board rules concerning the Authority of Physicians to Supply Drugs may be obtained by writing or calling TOMA. ■

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By September 1, 1990, ALL PHYSICIANS regardless of their participation status will be required to file Medicare claims for their patients. The little-known provision of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1989 (OBRA 89) signed into law this past November requires all physicians to file claims. Physicians may not charge their patients for this service.

ICD-9 AND CPT-4 CODES MUST BE CORRECTLY LINKED

Under a new HCFA directive which took effect February 2, 1990, doctors must indicate which procedure goes with which diagnosis code by drawing a line between the two codes. Failure to do so may result in denial of the claim. The policy applies only to ASSIGNED claims.

If an assigned claim includes the proper codes without a link, carriers will assume (in the absence of contrary information) that the code is related to any service shown and will process the claim.

TMA BREAKS GROUND FOR NEW BUILDING

The Texas Medical Association broke ground April 14 at its new Austin location at 15th and Guadalupe Streets. The 120,000 square-foot building will more than double the space of the current location. Initially, TMA will occupy 90,000 square feet and lease the remaining space, with the plan to use the leased space to meet future needs. The new structure is expected to be ready for occupancy in the summer of 1991.

NEW FACTS SUPPORT TEXAS PATIENT TRANSFER

Two new developments could turn the tide in favor of Michael Burditt, M.D. A recently filed amicus brief states that high-risk pregnant women and their newborns will be in danger if they cannot be transferred to programs such as the one to which Dr. Burditt sent the pregnant Rosa Rivera. The brief was presented during a March 6 appellate hearing on the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services ruling that the Victoria obstetrician illegally transferred Rivera to Galveston in December 1986.

Another new argument supports the lack of use of a fetal heart monitor during the transfer. A study reported recently in the *New England Journal of Medicine* shows use of the Doppler method may be more accurate.

The appellate panel requested that both parties file briefs. Dr. Burditt's brief supports consideration of the amicus brief filed by TMA member W.J. McGanity, M.D. He is director of The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston Regional Perinatal Program where Rivera was transferred. The program serves uninsured and indigent mothers and their newborns throughout a 26-county area. The panel is expected to rule in two to three months.

OSTEOPATHIC SCREENING EXAM VIDEO AVAILABLE

The American Osteopathic Hospital Association reports that a video entitled, *Standardized Record for Osteopathic Health Care: The Screening Examination*, developed by Harry D. Friedman, D.O., is now available for purchase from the American Academy of Osteopathy.

Especially made for the osteopathic medical practitioner, this educational program outlines the basic components of a standard screening exam and record occurring during an admitting hospital history

and physical exam. In addition, the video shows how osteopathic diagnosis and treatment can be combined to solve clinical problems and improve patient management by clarifying the logic of the exam and simplifying the procedure and record used.

This video program has been made available to students, interns, residents, faculty, and house staff of osteopathic hospitals by the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine in cooperation with the American Academy of Osteopathy and the American Osteopathic Association Department of Education.

For further information, contact the American Academy of Osteopathy at (614) 366-7911.

REVISED SEVERITY LEVEL DEFINITIONS

The Texas Medical Foundation (TMF) has received information from the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) concerning the definitions used for severity levels in quality review of Medicare patient admissions.

Physicians, hospitals, medical organizations and peer review organizations have expressed their concerns to the HCFA concerning the use of the phrase "medical mismanagement" in the severity level definitions. HCFA has now revised the definitions, substituting the phrase "confirmed quality problem."

The revised severity level definitions are as follows:

Level I — Confirmed quality problem without the potential for significant adverse affects on the patient.

Level II — Confirmed quality problem with the potential for significant adverse effects on the patient.

Level III — Confirmed quality problem with significant adverse effects on the patient.

TMF is incorporating the new definitions into its program materials. ■

Texas Osteopathic Medical Association's Mini Seminars

DATE	TIME	TOPIC	COST	POSITIONS AVAILABLE	LOCATION	WHO SHOULD ATTEND?
June 30	10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Faculty: WORKSHOP PURPOSE:	"Maximizing Medicare and Increasing Your Collections" Medical Consultants of Texas This seminar will discuss the proper coding (CPT & HCPCS) that you should use to denote the actual services you are doing. Plus, how to increase your patient collections	\$35.00 Sandwiches Provided	65	TOMA State Headquarters Fort Worth	Physicians and Office Personnel

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TCOM Alumni Officers Elected

Edward A. Luke, Jr., D.O., of Fort Worth, has been elected president of the TCOM Alumni Association. The election took place during the association's annual meeting on May 5 at the TOMA convention in El Paso. A 1981 TCOM graduate, Dr. Luke is a certified psychiatrist.

The other 1990-91 Alumni Association officers are as follows: Alex Guevara, D.O. — president-elect; Dale Brancel, D.O. — first vice president; and Richard B. Zemenick, D.O. — second vice president.

The directors are: Carla Butts Devenport, D.O.; M. McKim Davis, D.O.; Steven Taylor, D.O.; April Bremby, D.O.; and Gregory Friess, D.O.

Named as TCOM Alumnus of the Year was Dr. Zemenick, TCOM Class of 1976. Dr. Zemenick is an associate professor in general and family practice and director of the TCOM emergency medicine division.

Additionally, named as an honorary member by the Alumni Association was C. Ray Stokes, who was TCOM's first employee and is currently administrative secretary emeritus of the association. Mr. Stokes was also honored by TOMA with life membership and presenta-

tion of a resolution in appreciation for his years of dedicated service to the association and the profession.

Congratulations to the new officers and to Mr. Stokes.

Improving Medical Record Documentation

The Texas Medical Foundation (TMF) believes that all practicing physicians would benefit from information regarding what patient care information is needed in terms of medical peer review activities. To that end, the TMF has created a documentation prompter poster which has been supplied to all hospitals and freestanding ambulatory surgical centers. The poster can be photocopied as necessary to be displayed in the dictation stations of these facilities. In this way, TMF hopes to provide all physicians with valuable information at the time when it is most useful to them.

Physicians should look for these posters in facility dictation stations as all physicians and facilities will benefit from improved medical record documentation.

Resource Materials Available From Texas Osteopathic Medical Association

The following resource materials are available to TOMA members upon request. Please check materials desired, indicating number of such where applicable. TOMA will bill cost, as needed.

The following items are needed:

- ___ ICD-9-CM Workbook (___ needed)
- ___ OMT Workbook (___ needed)
- ___ TOMA Guidelines For Physician Office Drug Management
- ___ Patient Consent Forms for Medicare Part B and Medicaid (___ needed)
- ___ Medical Disclosure List
- ___ Immunization Reminder Cards (___ needed)
- ___ Medical Jurisprudence Study Guide \$30
- ___ "Blueprint For Practice"
- ___ Medicare Part B Deductible and Co-Insurance Agreement Form
- ___ Medical Practice Act of Texas
- ___ Physician Placement Service
- ___ List of Locum Tenen Physicians
- ___ Natural Death Form (___ needed)
- ___ The Osteopathic Oath
- ___ A Modern Physician's Creed
- ___ "Physician, Heal Thyself"
- ___ "Talk Show Tips for Osteopathic Physicians," a cassette narrated by Donald Kotoske, D.O. (while supply lasts)

Booklets and Brochures for Office Distribution:

- ___ "Your Physician and You, A Team For Good Health" (___ needed)
- ___ "What Everyone Should Know About Osteopathic Physicians" (___ needed)
- ___ "It's For You" (___ needed in English)
(___ needed in Spanish)
- ___ "What Is A D.O.? What is An M.D.?" (___ needed)

Special Programs:

- ___ Information on professional liability insurance program (Physician's Choice)
- ___ Information on disability insurance program (Provident Life & Accident)
- ___ Information on collection agency (I. C. Systems)
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- ___ Information on the Med-Search program coordinated through TCOM Health Sciences Library
- ___ Information on Cellular Phones (Auto Cellular & Accessory Co., Inc.)

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Return to Texas Osteopathic Medical Association, 226 Bailey Avenue,
Worth, Texas 76107.

May/June 1990

Texas Medical Jurisprudence Study Guide is Revised, New Policy In Effect

For years TOMA has offered, as a service to all members, a free copy of the Texas Medical Jurisprudence Study Guide. This study guide was initially prepared on donated time by friends of the profession. However, as the laws become more complex and seemingly impossible to keep up with, the old version of the study guide is virtually outdated.

Therefore, Richard Rafes, J.D., who teaches this class at TCOM, was approached by TOMA. After deliberations, it was felt that the wisest choice would be to adopt the study guide used by Mr. Rafes in his classes, which is prepared and updated each year by William J. Winslade, Ph.D., J.D., Professor of Medical Jurisprudence and Psychiatry, at The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston.

Each May, on an annual basis, all TCOM seniors will receive a copy of this extremely detailed study guide in order to better prepare them for the Texas State Board of Medical Examiner's Jurisprudence exam. TOMA will be picking up the tab as a service to these students and TOMA officials will deliver a copy to each senior during a meeting at the college.

Due to the tremendous cost of the study guide, which requires constant upgrading, all others requesting a copy will be billed \$30, which includes shipping charges. ■

It's Not Nice to Rip Off Uncle Sam

A Marine Staff sergeant has found out the hard way that trying to defraud CHAMPUS can be hazardous to your career.

A general court-martial convicted the NCO of obtaining a military ID card for an ineligible person, who then filed fraudulent CHAMPUS claims for more than \$11,000 in benefits. The sergeant was sentenced to a year's confinement, forfeiture of all pay and allowances, reduction in grade to E-1, and a bad-conduct discharge. He'll also have to repay the \$11,000.

In another recent case, a Georgia physician who admitted to filing false CHAMPUS claims will have to repay the government \$100,000, and won't be able to supervise the treatment of CHAMPUS patients or file CHAMPUS claims for three years. ■

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Blood Bank Briefs for Physicians

Blood Donation in the Medical History

Margie B. Peschel, M.D., Medical Director — Carter Blood Center, Fort Worth, Texas



Physicians often inquire about blood transfusion in obtaining a patient's medical history. Addition of a complementary question is suggested: "Have You Ever Donated Blood?"

An affirmative response instantly conveys a wealth of useful, medical data. The physician knows that when such patients last donated blood, they declared themselves free of symptoms of many acute and chronic diseases of heart, lung and liver. Their vital signs (Blood Pressure less than 180/100, Pulse, 50-100 and regular) and hemoglobin concentrations (no less than 12.5 g/dL) must have been normal. Unless they were later notified otherwise, tests performed on their blood must have been negative for HIV-I, Human T Lymphotropic Virus Type I/II, Hepatitis B and syphilis.

Conversely, a response that indicates past deferral of a blood donation may yield insights relevant to patients' current health status. Deferrals include history of cancer, bleeding abnormalities, malaria risk, IV drug use and

risk factors for acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS).

In addition to its usefulness in individual patient encounters, use of the question could yield important benefits in the form of the improved availability and safety of the community blood supply. For example, patients with low risk behavioral profiles and health histories who are currently blood donors, could be thanked for their generosity and encouraged to continue regular donation. Ex-donors and those who have never donated could be encouraged to donate regularly.

With a single question and follow-up questions needed, physicians can learn a great deal very quickly about their patients while helping to increase availability of safe blood for other patients. Few questions in the medical history are as potentially useful as: "Have You Ever Donated Blood?"

References:

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In Memoriam

Rolland E. Ensign, D.O.

The TOMA State Office was recently informed that Rolland E. Ensign, D.O., of Waco, passed away November 23, 1989 in a Waco hospital. He was 67 years of age. Memorial services were held November 26, 1989, at First Lutheran Church in Waco.

Dr. Ensign served in the Air Force during World War II. He received his D.O. degree from Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1951 and practiced in Minnesota and Michigan for many years. He also practiced in Silsbee, Texas, from 1954 to 1957. Dr. Ensign moved back to Texas in 1980 at which time he retired from practice. He was a member of First Lutheran Church in Waco. Professional memberships included TOMA and TOMA District XVIII.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth Ensign, of Waco; one daughter, Jill Ensign-Hunger of Lodi, Wisconsin; three sons, Lonney D. Ensign of Brighton, Michigan, Rick C. Ensign and Todd D. Ensign, both of Seattle, Washington; two sisters, Myrna Keller of Cochrane, Wisconsin, and Beatrice Kolowinski of Colfax, Washington; three brothers, Raymond B. Ensign of Blue Hill, Nebraska, Clayton C. Ensign of Scranton, North Dakota, and Herschel H. Ensign of St. John, Washington; and six grandchildren.

The family has designated Clifton Lutheran Sunset Home, 300 South Avenue Q, Clifton, Texas 76634, for memorials.

TOMA extends its condolences to the family and friends of Dr. Ensign.

In Memoriam

Sonya G. Knight

TCOM Class of 1990

A memorial service for student physician Sonya Gigi Knight, Class of 1990, was held in the main auditorium of TCOM on Monday, March 19.

Knight died Friday, March 16, after suffering a severe asthmatic attack at her home. She was 25.

Knight, a Maryland native who attended high school in El Paso, received a BA degree from Texas Christian University in 1986. She was accepted to TCOM as a member of the entering class of 1986.

Private funeral services were held March 19 at Restland Funeral Home in Dallas.

Knight is survived by her mother, Wilma Knight of Kotzebue, Alaska; her father, Virgil Cleveland of Laurel, Maryland; and three brothers, James Knight of Arlington, Correy Knight of Kotzebue, Alaska, and Dante Knight of Austin. Her aunt, Sonya Sorensen, D.O., of Dallas, was a 1981 graduate of TCOM.

Those offering remembrances of Knight during the memorial service were student physician Commie Hisey, president of the Class of 1990; student physician Sara Smiley, Class of 1991; and Pat Martin, Class of 1990.

In his remarks, President David M. Richards, D.O., said that words seemed inadequate to convey the college's sympathy and condolences to Knight's family, friends and classmates.

"When our words fail us, as they do now," Dr. Richards said, "we frequently turn to the words of others." He quoted from a poem by Ella Wheeler Wilcox that "each sorrow has a purpose."

Dr. Richards said comfort is frequently found in the words of the person who is mourned. He read from Knight's application to TCOM on why she wanted to become an osteopathic physician. "I found the philosophy of 'holistic' medicine to be a refreshing change from the general attitude that doctors should be instant miracle workers who should relieve people's sufferings with a flick of their pen. In fact, it is this philosophy which makes me aspire to become a doctor of osteopathic medicine," Knight wrote.

Dr. Richards spoke of the love Sonya had for others, "a love that she, like so many of you, chose to express through the healing touch of osteopathic medicine." He concluded by telling Sonya's classmates that "You can realize her dream for her through your life of service to others. Through you, she will continue to live."

TOMA extends its condolences to the family and friends of Sonya Knight.

Dr. Robert McFaul Receives Certification



TOMA member Robert B. McFaul, D.O., of Fort Worth, has been certified in general surgery by the American Osteopathic Board of Surgery.

Dr. McFaul graduated cum laude from Texas Tech University with a B.A. in chemistry. He received his D.O. degree from TCOM in 1981 and served an intern-

ship, general surgery residency and vascular surgery fellowship at Doctors Hospital, Columbus, Ohio.

He maintains a private practice at Surgical Associates of Fort Worth and also serves as an assistant professor in the department of surgery at TCOM. Professional memberships include TOMA; TOMA District II; AOA; and the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons.

Congratulations to Dr. McFaul! ■

Visiting Exhibit Booths Make for Winners

The following physicians were winners during the TOMA convention in the drawings held for visiting the exhibit booths: money clips were won by Drs. Robert L. Peters, Jr., Jane Ensey, Wallace Williams, Daniel Saylak, and Joel Eldridge; pyramid clocks went to Drs. Jim Czewski and George Smith; Dr. Joe Morrow walked off with drink tickets; brass wall clocks were won by Drs. Bret Holland and A.S. Duckworth; and brass trays went to Drs. Jay Pierce, Lilia Prado, Elizabeth Bradshaw, Dempsey Gordon and Richard Anderson.

Dr. Stuart Williams was especially lucky, walking off with three prizes: drink tickets, a levitating world globe and a brass tray.

Additionally, Dr. Jim Czewski, won a spring bouquet of flowers, compliments of Glaxo/Allen-Hansbury; Dr. Sharron O'Day won a free analysis and report, compliments of Medical Consultants of Texas; Dr. Evalyn H. Kennedy received a basket of special goodies from Kansas City, compliments of PMIC/RRG; and Dr. Donald Peterson received a room humidifier from AllerMed.

Congratulations to these physicians! ■

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ATTORNEY/PHYSICIAN — Counsel to Texas D.O.s including non-competition agreements, partnerships, contracts, hospital membership, malpractice defense, worker's compensation/personal injury. Dr. Laura C. Buczek, 25231 Grogans Mill Road, Suite 300, The Woodlands, 77380. 713/363-3700; FAX 713/367-0930. (09)

FILM ABOUT OSTEOPATHY — Students for the Advancement of Osteopathic Medicine at UHS-COM in Kansas City have put together an examination of osteopathic medicine on VHS format. This video is designed to acquaint the student with the benefits of practicing osteopathic medicine as a career and to dispel misconceptions which have pervaded Pre-Medical advisors concerning our profession. We would like for practicing physicians to have this available for their use. There is no charge for this video. Interested physicians may obtain a copy by writing to: A.O.M., c/o Alvin C. Bacon, 2105 Independence Blvd., Kansas City, Missouri, 64124. (25)

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Newsbrief

TOO LEGIBLE TO BE LEGAL

The Washington Osteopathic Medical Association reports that Wayne R. Hudson, D.O., of Seattle Washington, was quite surprised to receive a phone call from a pharmacist questioning the validity of a prescription he wrote for one of his patients. The pharmacist was "sure it was forged because the handwriting was so clear." Dr. Hudson assured the pharmacist that the prescription was filled out and signed by him.

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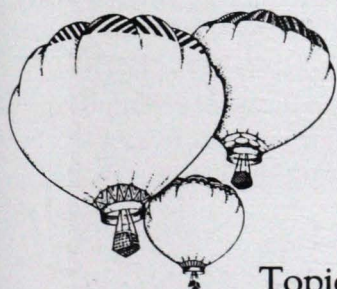
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